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prevented by the police from entering the compartment at Salem Junction Railway Station. After I was in my compartment word was sent to me that there was some exchange of conversation between Mr. Kumaramangalam and the Police officials and I sent word to allay feelings and I heard nothing more about it.

" (c) The question does not arise, as no inconvenience or no more than unavoidable inconvenience is caused to the travelling public during Ministerial tours."

*Rural Water-supply Scheme.*

* 62 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the total expenditure on rural water-supply during each of the last three years;

(b) the agency employed for execution of rural water-supply works, with details of technical staff available for the same; and

(c) whether there has been any proposal to transfer the execution of these works to the Divisional Engineers (Highways)?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) The total expenditure incurred during the last three years on rural water-supply is as follows:—

| Year. | Expenditure. |
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| | RS. |
| 1949–50 ... ... ... | 55,19,946 |
| 1950–51 ... ... ... | 82,22,739 |
| 1951–52 ... ... ... | 88,29,560 |

" (b) The Collectors are in charge of the execution. They let out the works on contract. The work of the Collectors is supervised by the Board of Revenue. The estimates for the Rural Water Supply Works are prepared by the Minor Irrigation Overseers and scrutinized by the Minor Irrigation Supervisors. The following technical staffs are employed for the execution of Rural Water Supply Scheme by the Board of Revenue:—

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| Minor Irrigation Supervisors ... ... ... | 25 |
| Minor Irrigation Overseers ... ... ... | 175 |
| Rural Sub-Overseers ... ... ... ... | 23 |
| Clerk Draughtsmen ... ... ... ... | 24 |

" (c) The answer is in the negative."